

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-3, 7-35, 37, 39-46, 48-49, and 52-55, and 57 remain in the application for further prosecution. Claims 4-6, 36, 38, 47, 50-51, 56, and 58-71 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 24, 37, 41, 43, 52, and 57 have been amended. The Applicant confirms that the inventorship for the remaining claims has not changed.

### **Restriction/Election Requirement**

The claims were restricted to alleged Species I (claims 1-49 and 52-57) and alleged Species II (claims 43, 50-51, and 58-71). Applicant confirms election of alleged Species I (claims 1-49 and 52-57).

### **103 Rejections**

Claims 1-49 and 52-57 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,135,884 to Hedrick *et al.* ("Hedrick") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,334,612 to Wurz *et al.* ("Wurz").

### **Personal Interview and Interview Summary**

The Applicant notes with appreciation the interview with Examiner Arthur O. Hall and Examiner John Hotaling on October 18, 2007. Pursuant to the discussions in the interview, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 24, 37, 41, 43, and 52 to clarify the invention.

During the interview, the Examiner agreed that it appears "neither Hedrick and Wurz disclose the previously stated amendment in combination."

### **Independent Claims 1, 8, 14, 19, 27, and 32**

Independent claims 1, 24, 37, 41, 43, and 52 have been amended to further clarify that the secondary display includes a touch screen for providing variable game-play inputs depending on a current state of the wagering game; that the variable game-play inputs include a denomination selection menu prior to conducting the wagering game; and that the secondary display acts in unison with mechanical reels for displaying information related to a randomly selected game outcome.

Hedrick and Wurz fail to disclose the claimed invention that is set forth in amended claims 1, 24, 37, 41, 43, and 52. During the interview on October 18, 2007, the Examiner

acknowledged the fact that the proposed amended claim 41 appears to distinguish over Hedrick and Wurz. Neither Hedrick nor Brown discloses at least one of the above-stated claim elements. Independent claims 1, 24, 37, 43, and 52 have been amended in accordance with the amendments to claim 41.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 1-3, 7-35, 37, 39-46, 48-49, and 52-55, and 57 are allowable.

### **Conclusion**


It is the Applicant's belief that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and action towards that effect is respectfully requested. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

It is believed that no fees are due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Nixon Peabody LLP Deposit Account No. 50-4181, Order No. 247079-000244USPT.

Respectfully submitted,

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